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"MOTHER IS CRYING."

My friend Aleck was getting into a bad way. Evil company was the secret. With a charming wife whom he tenderly loved, he rarely spent an hour of daylight in her company; with three charming children, a hasty kiss at the breakfast table and a moment at noon was all the time he bestowed upon them. The billiard table and the bar room and an exciting political contest had united to win him from one whom he had sworn to honor and love, and for a whole year things had gone on from bad to worse until Aleck was becoming permanently alienated from domestic things. He was undoubtedly getting into a bad way.

His wife Alice felt the slight keenly, but she was a woman of high spirit and bore her misfortune as such women do, without a murmur. Though her face became paler and her step slower, her voice met the wandering husband as cheerfully when he came at the late hour as in happier days when he hastened home from his work with the setting sun. Nor did his occasional fits of intoxication elicit a word of complaint. She shut up her sorrows in her own breast, as only such a husband's wife can do; concealed his shortcomings from her children and friends as far as such a thing is possible, and resigned herself to the hard fate that seemed impending. Knowing both the parties before their marriage, I can realize how such a woman as Alice would die at the stake, Indian-fashion, without uttering a groan at the torture.

Aleck was a member "in good standing," as the technical phrase is, of a Masonic Lodge. His attendance, it is true, was irregular, and no one would have thought of pointing to him as a model for the young craftsman, when drawing designs upon his own trestle-board; but he had not arrived at the gross stage of intemperance that sets a body (when finally too late to do any good) upon giving the "good counsel" that it owes to an erring Mason. Had he borrowed a few dollars from a brother Mason and refused to pay it, the Lodge would have had him up with a short rope; but he had paid his dues regularly and no official notice thus far had been taken of his aberration.

Brother Helison was invited to lecture the Lodge and Aleck attended. It was a "Social Meeting" and his wife came with him. Brother Helison is a perfect brick, an eloquent speaker, sober as a judge himself, and one who always "warns an erring brother," regardless of the consequence. Looking over his audience in that crowded room he observed Aleck's red nose and drew the usual inference that strong drink was behind it; observed the unhappy Alice and drew the usual inference that strong drink was the cause of that; and then selected his theme, "Temperance, the first of the four cardinal virtues."

How the mortified Aleck drew his face back when Helison mentioned what our Grand Master Solomon said about "redness of eyes;" how the shame-faced Alice hid hers when he spoke of the sorrows that woman endures who is afflicted with a drunken husband. How the whole audience swayed with sympathy as he described a brother Mason whom he had known (his own uncle as I heard the story) who went

down to a drunkard's grave by steps or degrees as regular and well defined as that by which a Mason goes from the checkered pavement to the order of Knight Templar.

But not so was the impression to be made on Aleck's conscience. After accompanying his wife home he hastened to the saloon, from which he only returned even later and more completely sodden with drink than usual. It was noon of the next day before the shaft reached his heart, and the story runs in this wise:

Coming home hastily as usual to his dinner he was surprised at his wife's absence. Inquiring of his little girl the cause, she told him in her artless way, "Mother is crying! mother cries most every day!" The man was not heartless, only careless, and the news struck him to the heart. He sought his wife's chamber, and found her, indeed, in a paroxysm of weeping. Under the influence of last night's address her reserve had entirely broken down, and she told him in words incoherent, but powerful in their very incoherency, how long she had borne in silence. That her heart was breaking. That the children were taunted every day at school by their playmates with having a drunken father. That she had nothing to hope for, having lost his love. That to be only a rival of the saloon, and a rejected rival too, was more than woman could bear. She acknowledged that the lecture the evening before had broken her down, and asked her husband's pardon for the present display of passion, but said she would no longer dissemble the truth, her heart was breaking.

That was fifteen years ago. Aleck now weighs 220 solid flesh, and has'nt drank a drop since that day. Helison himself isn't soberer than Aleck. And Alice, so far from having the heart disease, bids fair to outlive that good lady who lies buried at Macpelah, "the years of whose life were an hundred and twenty-seven." And how is that, Brother John Ransom, for a lady's weeping?—*Masonic Jewel.*

Rhodesia, South Africa, while not settled for many years, has five lodges and a Royal Arch chapter. All these bodies are at work and doing well.

Among the Lodges.

THE DISTURBER.

The disturber occasionally manifests himself in our Masonic bodies. We feel sorry for this poor, deluded specimen of humanity and regret that a glass cannot be set up that he may see himself as others see him. Nothing suits him unless done by himself, and he continually finds fault with the doings of his lodge and likewise the grand lodge. This egotistical ass is really a dangerous Mason. Sowing, as he does, the seeds of discord, they not infrequently bring forth fruit. Young Masons listen to his counsel and form ideas of Freemasonry that are misshapen and revolutionary. Others not well informed lend influence to his schemes and much mischief results. Such a Mason should be dealt with summarily, and severe discipline, if administered, would be most fitting.—*Illinois Freemason.*

ENFORCED AFFILIATION.

Like some other irrepressible questions, this one keeps coming up every little while. To one who looks with complacency upon the progressive features that force themselves upon the institution, it does not look so repulsive to note the requirements of modern times as it seems to those who are versed more deeply in the ancient love of the craft. No doubt much can be said in *favor* of *voluntary* affiliation, but more must be acknowledged in proof of enforced relations. We do not favor expulsion for non-affiliation, rather let it be by dropping from the roll, with the usual requirement for re-affiliation—but we know enough to know that, to fulfill the evolved mission of Freemasonry, a fixed requirement must be laid upon the whole membership. Why, is self evident. We have great respect and reverence for the fathers, but they can not expect to dictate the policy of today by the practice of a past century. Who, that reads the "annals" of his own grand lodge can even again enshrine the judgment of the "ancients" beside the record of their changeful legislation. To our certain knowledge one grand lodge dominated by the older men, has had no settled law on this subject for years, and is yet in turmoil. What is it to us how things were prior to the re-incarnation of 1717, or whether—which is quite likely—the masons of those times were occasionally or never called together. The facts *now* are, that we must exact a fixed relation from each member or we come to confusion and insolvency. Between the "pass-the-hat" system and the "pay-or-stay" one we prefer the latter because we've always had to pay while the other fellow takes his out in bewhiskered conversation.

SOLICITATION.

We have no prejudice against the careful solicitation of those who are "of lawful age and well recommended" to consider the advantages of freemasonry. This does not mean persuasion to fill out or present an application for membership any more than to address a promiscuous audience on the subject of freemasonry would mean that. We are in danger of falling into gratuitous and unmeaning habits of thinking like the Pharisee, "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are," while we neglect the weightier matters of the law. We doubt if today, there is any more harmony between the *theory* of non-solicitation and the *practice* of the other, than there is between the preaching of certain of the sects and their beliefs. Yet, we don't pose for the new against the old, but which is the old?

SOME DECISIONS.

In Texas a Commandery refused to reinstate a Sir Knight to good standing in the Order—from suspension n. p. d.—and the action was sustained on the grounds that title 18, sec. 56, G. E. Code, has the word *may* instead of *shall* in it.

In Maine it is held that any class of members can be required to pay dues but that back dues can not be collected from a class heretofore exempt.

Indiana makes a man with two club feet inelligible to the degrees of masonry. While it is not good form yet there is no law to discipline a lodge meeting in a building over a saloon over which the lodge has no control. A dwarf who has to use two sticks to walk is declared inelligible, because it is "too radical a departure from the ancient landmarks." Which ones?

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

BY G. B. VAN SAUN, G. C.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Emmetsburg, Oct. 1, 2, 1900.
Spirit Lake, Oct. 3, 4, 1900.
Bancroft, Oct. 5, 6, 1900.
Lodges No. 205 312 329 399 424 431 447 482 487 503 514 533 538 540 553.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Hawarden, Oct. 8, 9, 1900.
Le Mars, Oct. 10, 11, 1900.
Primghar, Oct. 12, 13, 1900.
Lodges No. 322 331 332 347 376 406 419 427 434 456 463 477 495 496 499 525 527 536 537 552 560.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Sioux City, Oct. 15, 16, 1900.
Storm Lake, Oct. 17, 18, 1900.
Onawa, Oct. 19, 20, 1900.
Lodges No. 103 178 223 289 307 309 377 387 390 398 404 408 446 457 462 470 471 474 502 508 517 521 532 550 562.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Eagle Grove, Oct. 22, 23, 1900.
Iowa Falls, Oct. 24, 25, 1900.
Dayton, Oct. 26, 27, 1900.
Lodges No. 111 176 192 195 240 325 366 384 425 428 429 432 464 467 468 475 478 497 506 519 531 547 565 566.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Allison, Oct. 29, 30, 1900.
Cedar Falls, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1900.
Grundy Center, Nov. 2, 3, 1900.
Lodges No. 65 87 94 105 116 131 148 216 219 222 239 261 334 340 350 393 394 417 472 511 546.

It has been properly said, "Let us not keep all our flowers and kind words until good men are dead, but scatter them among the living, to mingle their fragrance with the sweet incense that ascends from true and godly lives." And for our venerable brethren this plea has been made:

"They are here for our good. Let us profit by their life and by their work while we have time. To meet them here and to greet them and to listen to their words is for us now a pleasure much too rare. Let us cherish them for their good deeds while they live, and speak good of them while yet alive, and rejoice in their being with us; for too soon, alas! in any case, we shall say of them, as they pass into the great beyond:

"O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."
—*Taggart's Times.*

P. J. G. W. Bro. Wm. Elsom, of this city, is slowly failing and his many friends will join with us in sympathy with his devoted wife and family.

The craft in Fairfield holds to its steady way and the brothers dwell together in peace and unity.

We had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Master, W. L. Eaton, at Waterloo the other day. We had his promise of a half-tone cut, but as yet his modesty withholds it.

Lodge No. 508, Chicago, leads with a "Fraternal Courtesy Committee" whose station is in the ante-room, and whose duty is to welcome visitors. We'd add to the duty—a handshake for the backward brothers of 508.

In Pennsylvania there are 429 lodges, with a total membership of 54,000, and 121 chapters, with 17,500 Royal Arch Masons.

No visitor in Pennsylvania can demand to see the warrant of a lodge previous to his examination, nor has any one the right to show it to him.

The Royal Arch.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

WEBSTER CITY, SEPT. 10, A. D. 1900.

To the M. E. High Priests, Officers and Companions of Iowa.

The forty-seventh annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa will be held in the city of Des Moines, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m. Thursday, Oct. 18th, A. D. 1900, and continue two days.

RAILROAD RATES.

A rate of one and one-third (1⅓) fare has been made from all points in Iowa by railroads of the Western Passenger Association. The tickets will be sold on the certificate plan. In purchasing going tickets, full fare will be paid; ask for a certificate from the ticket agent, on which certificate a return rate of one-third (⅓) fare will be made. Persons traveling over two or more roads to reach Des Moines will purchase tickets at junction points, and obtain a certificate for each ticket bought on the going trip.

This rate will be in force from October 16th to 19th, inclusive, going, and good returning for three days after close of session.

Certificates must be given to the joint agent of the Western Passenger Agents Association for signature of grand secretary, before return tickets can be obtained.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 9:30 A. M.

MARK MASTER'S DEGREE.

A. S. Lawrence .....R. W. Master
G. R. Turner.....Senior Deacon
W. H. Hart .....Marshal

AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

G. R. Turner .....R. W. Master
W. H. Hart.....Senior Deacon
A. S. Lawrence.....Marshal

EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER'S DEGREE.

W. H. Hart.....R. W. Master
A. S. Lawrence.....Senior Deacon
G. R. Turner.....Marshal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1900.

FORENOON.

Carriage rides, under auspices of reception committee.

AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

W. F. Cleveland .....President

All High Priests or Past High Priests who have not received this degree are urgently requested to present themselves for consecration.

EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

G. R. Turner..... M. E. High Priest
W. H. Hart.....C. of the Host
A. S. Lawrence.....Principal Sojourner

The other stations will be filled by officers delegated from members of Corinthian Chapter No. 14, R. A. M., and Antioch Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., of Des Moines.

OPENING SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 1900, 10 O'CLOCK.

Address of welcome .....
Companion Lafayette Young.
Response.....Companion E. H. Addison

RECEPTION.

A reception will be tendered by Corinthian Chapter No. 14, R. A. M., to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, in the Masonic Temple, Thursday evening, at 7:45 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1900.

MORNING SESSION, 10 O'CLOCK.

Election of officers.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

Public Installation.
Completion of business.
Closing ceremonies.

The Council.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN SESSION AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Sept. 25.—The general triennial conclave of the general grand council of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States, met here today at Scottish Rite cathedral. It was received by the grand council of Ohio.

Twenty-two of the constituent grand councils were represented along with six subordinate councils and many past grand masters. Levi C. Goodale and W. T. McLean made welcoming speeches. W. F. Cleveland of Iowa responded. John W. Chamberlain of Tiffin, Ohio, was chosen general grand chaplain and the following officers were elected:

W. H. Mayo, St. Louis, grand master.

Andrew P. Swanson, St. Paul, deputy grand master.

Henry C. Larrabee, general grand principal conductor.

Charles Heaton, Montpelier, Vt., general grand treasurer.

Henry W. Modhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind., general grand recorder.

Graf. M. Acklin, Toledo, Ohio, captain of the guard.

J. Albert Blake, Boston, general grand conductor of council.

Edward W. Wellington, Ellsworth, Kan. general grand marshal.

George A Newell, Medina, New York, general grand steward.

A meeting of the grand chapter of Ohio, and of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the United States will be held at the cathedral tomorrow. There was a reception at the Grand hotel tonight.

In the Commanderies

The Fratres of Mason City are justly proud of the record of E Sir C. H. McNider, their Commander, who will soon confer the order of the temple upon his hundredth man. We said confer, and we'd go a hundred miles to see the work done as it is in our old home Commandery under "Charley."

Patmos 27 Marion, E. I. Alderman, E. C., has work ahead for some time to come.

Apollo, Cedar Rapids, G. B. Holmes, E. C, has not been idle.

The many friends of Past Commander Geo. W. Bever, will regret to learn that he has had another slight stroke of paralysis lately.

A HISTORY OF THE SHRINE.

The Oriental Publishing Company, of Philidelphia, have brought out an illustrated history of the Mystic Shrine, which promises to be very interesting as the initial literature of the Order in this country. It is a folio-octavo volume; bound in heavy paper, fine color design cover, and sells at 50 cents for this edition. Subscribers who pay up can have the book and the "Freemason and Fez" for a new year, for 75 cents. Subscriptions for the book received at 50 cents for advance orders. tf

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
A. B. HYATT...Dubuque...ACT'G GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1900, Des Moines.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN...Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
A. j. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich...IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Abolish all mileage and per diem provisions in all the Grand bodies in Iowa. Let the per capita tax be proportionately reduced. Throw the question of expenses of attendance upon the subordinate bodies. Keep this idea alive.

Cooler.

Now saw wood.

Don't forget our brotherhood in Texas.

Don't expect your Masonic bodies to fill up then send for you, but get there now.

Two important grand bodies meet this month, both in the capital of the state, and we gladly give room to their official announcements.

We thank many of our subscribers for their thoughtful answers to the daughter's duns. Her success as a collector threatens to get her more lucrative employment. Say, kick, but pay. Don't discontinue; it might be worse.

A TRIP TO DETROIT.

Bent on pleasure and business the editor was one of a number of passengers who left this city for Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25th, 1900. To go on a journey like that, new in all particulars to the traveler, ones eyes and ears may well be open. Getting into Chicago on the early morning of August 26, one found the streets literally crowded with the G. A. R. people—sidewalks, curbs, doorways and hotel lobbies—street cars, hacks and railway trains packed with the remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic. That silenced all inclination for Chicago sight-seeing on this trip. Boarding a Wabash "special" with Tom Hanley of Tipton and John Meickens of Fairfield for companions, we made the trip across three states, or parts of them, to Detroit. Here's the marvel city of the States, streets as neat as the sidewalks, white "sparrows" chasing scoops and brooms everywhere, parks without number, public buildings of the best and a street car system that equals the best, we found much to marvel at. But this item must not be a rehash of one's personal diary as there is something of Masonic value here. Being the guest of that prince of Detroit Nobles, Frank S. Armstrong and knowing Ed Harris, Charley Beck and others, we naturally went to the Masonic Temple—and what a surprise it was! Seven stories high, complete in all parts and for all purposes, thoroughly furnished and with a perfect system for perpetuity; We could but marvel as with 'Ed' and 'Frank' we traversed the massive building from roof to basement. It cost over $400,000.00, and is so spacious that four or five Supreme bodies of Knights of Pythias could be in session in different halls at the same time without interfering with each other.

It would take a book to tell it all, and as we have a promise of a future trip to that city, we'll desist. Detroit Masons are entertainers, unselfish, tireless and hearty and our last day was a fit crown to the continual feast of eye and sense that we had, for in company with Harry Allen of Ararat, Kansas City, we were guests at the Rushmere Club house up at the "flats." There were Past Potentate Charles F. Beck, President of the Club, Potentate Wm. H. Baxter and his Past Supreme Master of the A. O. U. W., Ed Harris, the father of the Detroit Masonic Temple and the hustler of Moslem Temple as well as the Consistory there, Past Grand Commander Jesse E. Saxton, of the Armstrong Regalia Co., Frank S. Armstrong of the same firm, Recorder Dr. Bailey of Moslem and Noble D. D. Cady all of Moslem Temple.

From the wharf at which we took the boat—up the most beautiful stretch of river we ever saw, past Belle Isle, a magnificent park, once "bartered" by an Indian for five ponies, now worth millions, through the canal where one could easily imagine himself in the famed Suez, to the Club House, there to witness the most complete, convenient and congenial arrangement to be imagined for the summer vacation and that without the annoyances too often entailed upon such places. All too soon the smoke of the steamer from Port Huron was seen and "we all" compelled to return to the great city to be in time to start for home. Detroit is easily beyond competition in lots of ways but in none more so than as to her facilities as a convention city.

The Mystic Shrine.

Under date of Sept. 15, we have the circular of "last information" about the great Shriners trip to Honolulu. The Zealandia sails Oct. 7th, and the program is crowded from the hour of sailing from San Francisco until the hour for the return trip nineteen days later. How we sigh for the trip, but sighs are vain—our exchequer is off, and we cant go, but we bid the luckier nobles and ladies bon voyage.

We hear that Kaaba is to have a meeting at Davenport soon.

El Kahir has Mason City in sight for a future meeting.

ZA-GA-ZIG LAUNCHED.

On Sept. 4th, Noble Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Potentate, instituted the third Temple in the state of Iowa. There was a large attendance of the nobility and a class of nearly one hundred and forty candidates. Aside from the attraction of the imperial officers, was the special train from Tanjier, Omaha, and the Arab Patrol of Moila, St. Joseph, Mo., who were escorting Imperial First Ceremonial Master A. P. Clayton of Missouri. By the urgent request of Potentate B. M. Cleveland, El Kahir's full corps of officers were on hand and they rode on the tally-ho in the parade; Oh, yes, the parade; was too long—the route—and the heat produced would have run a city plant for a month.

There was no banquet, but a vaudeville lunch and the work was done in the auditorium which the local committee had handsomely decorated. After the work many Nobles accompanied the Imperial party to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

EL KAHIR AT WATERLOO.

The visit of this Temple to the home of its Potentate was a signal success, on Sept. 20th. Having the whole day it was deliberately sociable and with nineteen candidates at night the work neither lagged nor palled. A splendid banquet was served to some two hundred Nobles at the Irving, by Imperial representative Noble Cal Kingsley. Every one present pronounced it a delightful meeting.

Noble Frank S. Armstrong of Detroit, was among the visitors at Des Moines.

The Eastern Star.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

At the grand chapter to be held in Des Moines, Oct. 24th, a new constitution and code of laws will be presented for our consideration. We have not had time to compare the new with the old but let us hope that the committee have been more careful than the proof reader and that we may have less similarity to the old in the make-up of the new when it is finally adopted. If the sample is a complete copy, then we want an index and we want to say that we'd prefer the make-up of the Iowa Masonic Code to the samples sent to this office.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA.

To the officers and members of subordinate Chapters of Iowa, Greeting:

The twenty-third annual session of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Iowa, will be held in the Auditorium, Des Moines, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 24th and 25th, with school of instruction, exemplification of the work, etc., Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 23d, at 2 o'clock, by Des Moines Chapter No. 89, and an entertainment at Central Christian Church, under the auspices of Des Moines Chapter, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Each chapter having made report and paid dues, will be entitled to three delegates and to mileage for the senior delegate present, counting in order of W. M., W. P. and A. M., and in case of the absence of these three, then the mileage goes to the one holding the proxy of the highest officer of the chapter they represent. If only one delegate is present, such delegate casts the full vote of the chapter, and if only two are present, the one highest in office casts two votes, unless the other delegate holds the written proxy of the absent officers.

The attention of those chapters entitled to extra delegates is called to page 7, section 3, of constitution, and extra blanks for such delegates are herewith enclosed to chapters entitled to same, together with the usual blank credentials issued to each chapter.

Headquarters will be established at the Savery hotel.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Grand officers will meet in Masonic Temple, Monday evening, for rehearsal.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

2:00 P. M.—Opening school of instruction by Des Moines Chapter, No. 89, full order of business, exemplification of the work.

8:00 P. M.—Entertainment at the Central Christian Church, tendered by the Des Moines Chapter to all delegates and visitors.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

10:00 A.M. Opening grand chapter in form. Address of welcome on behalf of Des Moines chapter, by Mrs. Olive E. Beckwith, Worthy Matron. Response by Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Associate Grand Matron. Reading of minutes. Address of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Regular order of business.

2:00 P. M.—Reports of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and various committees, etc., with regular order of business.

8:00 P. M.—Memorial service, with address by Sister D. J. Cox, Keokuk, Grand Chaplain, with special address in memory of P. G. Patron Winslow, by P. G. Matron Meredith, Newton. Installation of Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons of U. D. Chapters.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25.

9:00 A. M.— Regular order of business continued. Consideration of new constitution. Election of officers.

2:00 P. M.—Unfinished business, etc. Mite boxes. Remarks for good of the order. Installation of officers. Closing in form.

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